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SUBJECT: BRITISH WHITE PAPER ON EC DEVELOPMENTS

REF: LONDON 13680, NOVEMBER 23, 1973

1. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS ISSUED A WHITE PAPER
DESCRIBING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY
BETWEEN MARCH AND OCTOBER, 1974.

2. THIS IS THE FIRST OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS WHICH
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO ISSUE IN ACCORDANCE

WITH A RECOMMENDATION MADE LAST YEAR BY A SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS. THE RECOMMENDATION WAS PART OF A GENERAL EFFORT BY PARLIAMENT TO KEEP INFORMED ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON INSIDE THE COMMUNITY.

3. THE WHITE PAPER DESCRIBES MAJOR EC DEVELOPMENTS AND DECISIONS, AND THE POSITIONS THAT WERE TAKEN BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT. AS ONE FCO OFFICIAL (WHO DRAFTED MUCH OF IT) SAID, THE PAPER IS "STUDIOUSLY FACTUAL," BUT IT DOES NOT LEAD THE READER TO CONCLUDE THAT EC MEMBERSHIP IS CONTRARY TO BRITISH INTERESTS.

4. WE ARE POUCHING COPIES OF THE WHITE PAPER TO THE DEPARTMENT AND TO USEC.

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